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STATEMENTS BY ECUADOR, CUBA AND FINLAND

1. SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 31 WITH UNEXCEPTIONAL STATEMENTS BY ECUADOR (AMBASSADOR ALBORNOZ), CUBA (SALUP), AND FINLAND (BLOMBERG). AMBASSADOR ALBORNOZ UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE VARIOUS FORMS OF USE OF FORCE AND POINTED SPECIFICALLY TO MODES OF "ECONOMIC AGGRESSION." HE MAINTAINED THAT AS LONG AS THE ULTIMATE DOCUMENT RESULTING FROM THE NON-USE OF FORCE DELIBERATIONS EMBODIES THE UNANIMOUS WILL OF ALL NATIONS, IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT FORM THAT DOCUMENT TAKES. SALUP WELCOMED THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY BUT LIMITED HIS RHETORICAL WINDOW DRESSING TO A RITUAL DENUNCIATION OF "IMPERIALISTS"; HE MADE NO EXPLICIT MENTION OF THE U.S. BLOMBERG NEUTRALLY WELCOMED THE SOVIET INITIATIVE WHILE SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES AND TO ELIMINATE THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF CONFLICT. END SUMMARY.

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2. ECUADORIAN AMBASSADOR ALBORNOZ NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL EFFORTS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND HE POINTED WITH PRIDE TO THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AND THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO. HE ASSERTED THAT THERE IS A NEED TO ANALYZE AND QUALIFY THE RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE AND TO FURTHER DEFINE

BOTH THE OBVIOUS AND THE SUBTLE FORMS OF THE USE OF FORCE. HE DWELLED ON THE CONCEPT OF "ECONOMIC AGGRESSION": QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE TRADE BARRIERS AND FINANCIAL CONTROL INFLICTED BY THE STRONG UPON THE WEAK. HE WARNED OF THE DANGERS OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE AS WELL AS POLITICAL SABOTAGE. AMBASSADOR ALBORNOZ ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES IN ORDER TO TURN THESE PROCEDURES INTO TRUE OBLIGATIONS. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR ALBORNOZ DID NOT ASREE WITH THE POSITION THAT A REPETITION OF CHARTER PRINCIPLES WOULD BE IDLE OR USELESS, HE ASSERTED THAT THE FORM OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT RESULTING FROM THESE DELIBERATIONS MAKES NO DIFFERENCE AS LONG AS THAT DOCUMENT EMBODIES THE UNANIMOUS WILL OF ALL NATIONS LARGE AND SMALL.

3. SALUP OF CUBA INVOKED THE LENINIST PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AMONG COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS, THOUGH HE CITED WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION AND INDEPENDENCE AS EXCEPTIONS. HE CONGRATULATED THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS DRAFT TREATY. HE SUPPORTED THE DRAFT "IN SUBSTANCE" AND DESCRIBED IT AS AN "EXCELLENT BASIS" FOR DISCUSSION. HE BELIEVED THAT A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE WOULD ENHANCE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER AND WOULD PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. SALUP POINTED TO THE JULY MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) IN BELGRADE, AND HE NOTED THE NAM'S CONCERN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVER THE WEAKENING OF DETENTE AND THE REVERSION TO SOME ASPECTS OF THE COLD WAR BY CERTAIN "IMPERIALIST POWERS." HE MAINTAINED THAT CONFLICTS BETWEEN NON-ALIGNED STATES SHOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, AND HE OPPOSED "IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION," WHETHER MILITARY OR ECONOMIC. SALUP CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT A TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR RACIST REGIMES TO CARRY OUT ALL FORMS OF STRUGGLE--INCLUDING ARMED STRUGGLE--TO ACHIEVE THEIR LIBERATION AND INDEPENDENCE. COMMENT: BEFORE THE MEETING SALUP APPROACHED THE U.S. DELEGATE. HE NOTED THAT HIS SPEECH WOULD BE SHORT, WOULD MAKE ONLY GENERAL REFERENCE TO "IMPERIALISM" AND "IMPERIALISTS," AND SHOULD NOT GIVE THE U.S. ANY PROBLEM. END COMMENT.

4. BLOMBERG OF FINLAND PROFESSED HIS NATION'S NEUTRALITY AND ITS DEPENDENCE ON POLITICAL RATHER THAN MILITARY MEASURES FOR SURVIVAL. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE AND RELEVANCE OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. HE WELCOMED THE SOVIET INITIATIVE AS PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE, BUT HE ALSO NOTED THE NEED TO CREATE CONDITIONS

IN WHICH THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES SUPERCEDES
THE USE OF FORCE AND VOICED SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL
EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF CONFLICT.

5. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUES ON SEPTEMBER 5. LEONARD

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